

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Andrew D. SUTTON et al.

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For: SPRAY-DRIED MICROPARTICLES AND  
THEIR USE AS THERAPEUTIC VEHICLES

Examiner: K. George

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 9, 2008 (Paper No. 20081007), for which a response was due on January 9, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to April 9, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.